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SUBJECT: JAPAN SUPPORTS UNSCR 1737, MULLING CONCRETE
MEASURES

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Classified By: Ambassador J. Thomas Schieffer. Reasons:
1.4 (b)(d).

(C) Political Officer delivered reftel nonpaper to MOFA UN Policy Division Director Shigeki Takizaki on March 27. Takizaki responded on March 28, that the Government of Japan, i.e., MOFA, METI and MOF, was presently considering how to implement UNSCR 1737. Asked when he expected a decision, Takizaki assured that Japan would decide prior to the 60 day "deadline" (May 24) for its report to the Council as called for in the resolution. Takizaki welcomed our offer to provide any additional information that Tokyo might require, noting that because Japan is no longer on the Council, MOFA was unclear how the specific wording of the resolution was decided and so might want further information and clarification. Separately, PolOff conveyed the nonpaper to Second Middle East Division Principal Deputy Director Motosada Matano on March 27. Matano, too, welcomed the information and observed that it might take some time for inter-agency discussions to determine what course of action Japan will take.

12. (C) ESTOff delivered reftel nonpaper and the text of UNSCR 1747 to Satoshi Kikuchi of MOFA's Non-Proliferation, Science and Nuclear Energy Division on March 27. When contacted later, Kikuchi said he had already distributed the nonpaper to his colleagues and discussed it with them. He assured ESTOff that Japan would take "all necessary measures" under UNSCR 1747. He noted that Japan had already taken all measures required under UNSCR 1737 (regarding North Korea), and assured that it would do the same for the new resolution, including reporting to the Sanctions Committee within 60 days. He listened to ESTOff's explanation of the P5 1 ministerial statement and the EU's effort to engage Iran in the near term, but offered no comment.

13. (C) FINATT Officer also shared the nonpaper with counterparts at the Ministry of Finance who accepted the paper without comment, simply stating that they would contact the Embassy if they had any questions.
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